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Applicants : Wayne A. Hendrickson et al. 163/
U.S. Serial No. : 09/609,027 #61A
Filed : June 29, 2000 Plunkett
For : CONJUGATED LIGANDS FOR THE STIMULATION OF
BLOOD CELL PROLIFERATION BY EFFECTING
DIMERIZATION OF THE RECEPTOR FOR STEM
CELL FACTOR

1185 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036
February 26, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
OMITTED PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to a Notice To File Omitted Parts Of Nonprovisional Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) issued in connection with the above-identified application on January 17, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed as **Exhibit A**, applicants submit the Preliminary Amendment incorporated in this letter. This Preliminary Amendment addresses all issues raised in the January 17, 2001 Notice To File Omitted Parts Of Nonprovisional Application. A response to the Notice To File Omitted Parts was due March 17, 2001. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows: